

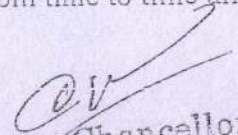
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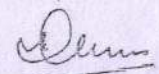
Mysore University Statutes for establishment of Sri Basaveshwara Research and Extension Centre for Social Reformation, 2011 (framed Under Section 29(2) (1), 34(6), (7) and (8) and 33(1) and (2) of the Karnataka State Universities' Act 2000).

Preamble and Justification

Sri Basaveshwara was a great thinker, social reformer and humanist who spearheaded a socio-economic, philosophical and religious movement in Karnataka in particular and South India in general during 12th Century A.D. by his thought provoking Vachanas (sayings) appealing to the sense of equality, compassion and work culture dormant in human nature. He revolted against of casteism, political instability, economic exploitation, gender injustice and blind beliefs. Because of the ideas of social reform, equality, simple devotion (bhakti marga), purity of soul and body, monotheism and hard work, Sri Basaveshwara is worshiped and held in great respect by common people. The new cult of Veerashaivism was born and flourished with great hopes and aspirations for socio-religious equality. Abandoning links with political power which he had held by virtue of being the Finance Minister of Bijjala, the Kalachuri Ruler, and dismantling the traditional beliefs and practices, he paved the new path that preached that work is worship and self-perfection is a basic obligation and built a team of similarly thinking Vachanakaras. Their simple, clear and popular Vachanas touched the heart and sensibility of people and brought a big transformation in their social and religious life. Ascendance towards moral perfection, equity, social inclusion and gender justice have been the philosophy underlying his Vachanas. The members of Anubhava Mantapa drawn from different walks of life and also from the mariginalized sections of society supported Sri Basaveshwara's leadership for social change and reformation through intellectual re-awakening. Because of great social movement he is popularly recognized as 'Jagajoythi' (the light of the Universe) and 'Anna Basavanna' (the elder brother). His life, teaching and work have consistently and continuously influenced subsequent generations for centuries, sensitized the people from time to time and have a great relevance in 21st century.


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The Vachanas contain eternal values of social and economic justice, wisdom of the ages, and morally elevating sublime thoughts. The thousands of Vachanas written by him and his contemporary sharanas among whom there were over 35 women sharanas and a great amount of their visions have distinct religious, social and cultural background, which need to be studied through scientific research. The knowledge so earned need to be disseminated to the present generation and the future world. In the background of fall in values amidst the contemporary society, the need to restore the value system of Jagajyothi basaveshwara and his contemporary sharanas as reflected in the rich treasure of Vachanas, and thereby contribute towards social reformation can hardly be ignored.

The University of Mysore, all along its century-long social contribution to the knowledge system, has initiated new experiments and programmes in higher education to reach out to the masses and influence their thinking. With the purpose of establishing a Centre for research and extension on social reformation initiated by Sri Basaveshwara, the University approached the State Government of Karnataka for financial grant. The Government by its order No. ED 76 UMV 2010 Bangalore dated 22-03-2011 has recognized the need for establishing a special Research and Extension Centre in this regard, and released a sum of Rs. 100 lakhs for the purpose of establishing Sri Basaveshwara Research and Extension Centre for Social Reformation.

In order to give a statutory basis for the Centre, under the Karnataka State Universities' Act 2000, these Statutes are hereby enacted.

1. Title :

These Statutes shall be called "Sri Basaveshwara Research and Extension Centre for Social Reformation Statutes 2011".

2. Commencement :

These Statutes shall come into from the date they are assented to by His Excellency, the Chancellor.

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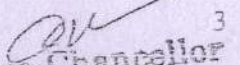
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3. Establishment and brief description :

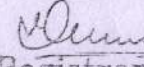
There shall be established in the University of Mysore, a Centre Called 'Sri Basaveshwara Research and Extension Centre for Social Reformation. The Centre shall be one of the Teaching and Research Units of the University of Mysore and shall offer studies and courses reflecting Sri Basaveshwara's thoughts with referince to his Vachanas, life and work. And there shall also be adequate scope and support extended to study the 12th century vachana literature of a host of Basaveshwara's contemporary sharanas and the impact of their life and deeds along with the literature that came to be written in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi and English in particular and other Indian Languages in general that came to written in a variety of genres and forms down the ages by hundreds of men and women. The centre shall conduct ~~teaching and research programmes leading to Certificate, Diploma, Post-Graduate Diploma, M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees besides offering the subject as an elective paper to post-graduate students studying in all disciplines. Short term courses of three-months duration may also be conducted especially for foreign students who desire to know about Sharana literature. The Centre shall take steps to frame the relevant syllabus to the courses it offers by a Board of Studies in sharana studies constituted by the university which if empowered to change the same from time to time keeping in view the need of the society. The Centre organaize extension programmes on various issues of social reformation such as abolition of caste discrimination and economic exploitation, and upholding of the concepts of Kayaka, gender justice, economic equality, social inclusion, harmony and honesty as reflected in the Vachanas of Sri Basaveshwara and his contemporaries from the angle of subsequent and present generation.~~

4. Objectives

1. The Centre shall appoint an eminent Professor as Visiting professor of the Centre from among the ones who are well versed in the subject from outside who will be in charge of the Centre to promote the

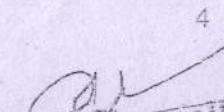

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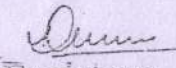

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Centre's academic activities and its social obligations in keeping with the spirit of the Sharana movement of the 12th century. He Shall be appointed for a period of two years with provision to extend his services provided the university finds his services satisfactory. He shall take steps to :

- i) To conduct various courses mentioned in clause 3 of these Statutes.
- ii) To consolidate the Vachanas of Sri Basaveshwara and other Shiva Sharanas / Sharanes comprehensively and publish selected Vachanas to make them available to common man.
- iii) To launch a web portal called 'Sri Basava Jnana Sagara' and ~~publish through this portal all Vachanas of Sri Basaveshwara~~ and document and publish all the books, articles and other materials published on Sri Basaveshwara's thoughts, social contribution and notion of Kayaka.
- iv) To digitize all Vachanas of Sri Basaveshwara and to translate and publish the Vachanas having multi dimensional concerns, scientific principles and social reform orientation into various languages such as Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Hindi and English and incorporate them in web portal for transmission to the general public.
- v) To translate the selected Vachanas of Sri Basaveshwara and his contemporary Shiva Sharanas and Shiva Sharanes into other languages and publish them in the web portal.
- vi) To conduct research about utility and assistance of scientific principles in the Vachanas of Sri Basaveshwara for social reformation; to make comparative study of the Principles and Guidance that Sri Basaveshwara and the Shiva Sharanas/Shiva Sharanes gave and adopted for social transformation with those

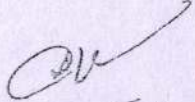
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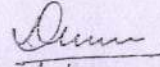
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that were given and adopted by other social reformers; and to explore multiple dimensions of social reforms and adopt them in social change.

- vii) To study the thoughts and ideals of Sri Basaveshwara, their social background and assess the impact of them on socio-economic, cultural and political life of the nation.
- viii) To study the impact of the 12th century movement and its literature down the ages with reference to the classics which came to be written later including the significant ones of the modern times and to reinterpret, reevaluate in the light of modern value systems. Such a study shall be made a continuous process highlighting its relevance to the present.
- ix) To communicate through television and multimedia means, the philosophical and moral basis of social reform values underlying the Vachanas and thoughts of Sri Basaveshwara and other Shiva Sharanas / Shiva Sharanes so that all sections of the society will be motivated towards totally value based social reformation.
- x) To organize seminars, conferences, workshops, debates and competitions at State and National level at various places on the thoughts and contributions of Sri Basaveshwara and other Shiva Sharanas / Shiva Sharanes and take steps to publish in book form such papers as are found to be important and significant.
- xi) To establish a separate Museum and Jnana Mandira based on the thoughts and visions of Sri Basaveswhara.
- xii) To establish a well equipped separate Library and Information Centre containing Sharana literature.


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- xiii) To install a marble statute of Sri Basaveshwara in the Sri Basaveshwara Research and Extension Centre for Social Reformation.

5. Departmental Council :

The Centre shall have a Departmental Council in accordance with section 34 (6) of the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000, consisting of members as prescribed therein.

6. Board of Studies :

There shall be a Board of Studies in Sri Basaveshwara's Thoughts, Vachanas and Allied matters related to the subject in accordance with section 33 (1) and (2) of the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000, and shall carry on ~~its functions as per the provisions of the Statutes of the University in this~~ regard.

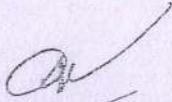
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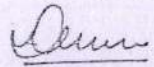
a. Rs. One crore grant provided by the Government of Karnataka for establishing the Centre shall be kept as seed money and the interest accrued shall be utilized to meet all and sundry expenses of the Centre.

b. The necessary financial assistance for the Centre may be raised by the University by approaching the State Government, UGC, Philanthropists, NGOs, non-profit companies, trusts and charitable institutions.

c. The University shall give sanction to purchase important Classics and books for reference, computer systems, scanning machine to scan plam-leaf manuscripts, furniture and other accessories as and when they are found necessary to promote the Centre's academic activities like publication of books and papers, to take up research programmes and publicity.

d. The University shall provide financial assistance to run the activities if there is any scarcity of fund sanctioned by the Government/Agency.


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8. Staff requirement :

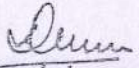
a. Visiting Professor, Sri Basaveshwara Centre :

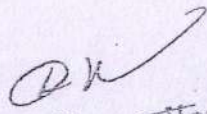
An eminent Professor with knowledge in Shārana Literature, Philosophy and society may be appointed by the university from outside who has made significant contributions in the field with the approval of the Syndicate with an honorarium of Rs.25,000/-p.m. He shall function and discharge his/her duties as per the statute made by the university governing the posts of visiting professors of similar Centers established by the University. The University shall provide the Centre with necessary office staff as and when the work of the centre gets increased on a continuous basis. There shall also be provision to engage research scholars/editors on adhoc basis.

9. Non-teaching Staff :

The required Non-teaching staff shall be provided by the University. The centre shall take steps to improve their service conditions enduments, incentive etc. commensurate with the volume of work.

10. Once the Centre is established and starts functioning, the existing Basaveshwara Chair gets merged with the Centre.


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